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SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I believe I have the right to answer a question.

PRESIDENT: First of all, Senator, the motion is to return, essentially to kill, and we cannot engage in full scale debate of the bill because it is true while you were gone we spent a half a day on it, Senator.

SENATOR DeCAMP: That is fine. He asked a question. I was asked to answer it. When people ask questions and you tell me to answer them, then I am afforded the opportunity to answer them all the way.

PRESIDENT: Everybody wants to move these matters along, and unless there is some restraint in it, are you satisfied with that answer?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Yes. Yes.

PRESIDENT: Do you care to propose your next question?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: No, I think I will talk from here on in. Because I have got the floor. I hope so. Punch your button, if you want.

PRESIDENT: Would you direct your attention to the motion to return.

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: Yes, that is what I am going to do.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Testy little bunch here this morning, isn't it. Mr. Chairman, I'd just make two observations. First of all, the bill was debated. I think it was debated to most people's satisfaction. Secondly, the Director and the Office of Planning and Budgeting, of course, as Senator DeCamp has seen the organization charts in this state, they work for the Governor, I understand, just like other agencies do, just like the Agriculture Department has interpretations of rules, I suppose, and deciding statutes, just like every other agency. I don't know who pulled Senator DeCamp's chain this morning but I wish they'd unpull it and let's move forward with the bill. We have got it here already and I think Senator Bereuter has done an admirable job of explaining the bill. He satisfied me that it wasn't a communist plot, that it was not an attempted takeover here, that we were not going to start a secret police in the state to run out and do zoning and land enforcement. So I think the bill is adequate. I think it has been debated very well. I think this is kind of a late ploy to try to destroy the intent that which Senator Bereuter has offered, a great deal of time and effort and in a sincere way, to help address a major problem. So I would hope that we would have the maturity to move forward with this bill and implement it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, is it appropriate for me